



## Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

### **The Society is not asleep.**

Just because summer is here it doesn't mean your Society is inactive. The small team of diligent members led by Anne McCarthy continue to maintain your Society's archive which this month has meant getting the cataloguing of the scrapbooks up to date, mounting a myriad of fascinating photographs and exploring the rich history of Gullane's tennis club.

There are queries to answer that come through our website and from visitors to the Coastal Communities Museum in North Berwick. Our publications continue to sell and members of the Society will be leading walks during Archaeology Fortnight in September.

As usual keep an eye on our website at <http://eastlothianheritage.co.uk/gullanedirletonhistory/>

### **Meanwhile down in the woods...**



... a small band of devoted, muddy kneed (slightly mad?) enthusiasts are attempting to uncover evidence of the medieval past of Dirleton in the woods opposite the primary school. A large array of stones has been uncovered containing tantalizingly small quantities of medieval pottery. As is traditional with the Society's digs the significance and history of these finds remains unfathomable but provides for endless speculation and debate. An open day for members to view the site is being contemplated.

### **Remembering Drem Airfield.**



The Society has taken delivery of a fine information panel commemorating the contribution of Drem Airfield to farming and two world wars. Arrangements are in hand for fixing the panel, developing signage and arranging a suitable unveiling ceremony.

### **This and that.**

I hope you spotted and read Beryl Robinson's excellent piece in the Courier a week or two back on **Lanercost** the race winning horse trained in Gullane in the 1830s.

**The Scottish Open Golf Championship** returns to Gullane next year. Your Society will be pleased to consider for the archive any images, experiences or small memorabilia.

For details of **East Lothian's Archaeology Fortnight** visit [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeologyfortnight](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeologyfortnight) or pick up a brochure from your local library or the ELC offices in Haddington.

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